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SUBJ: CLERIDES STOPS IN ATHENS EN ROUTE TO VIENNA III -
REMARKS TO PRESS

1. GLAFKOS CLERIDES ARRIVED IN ATHENS ON JULY 22 FOR A ONE-DAY STOPOVER EN ROUTE TO THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN VIENNA. HE MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS SHORTLY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL AND IS SCHEDULED TO SEE PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS ON JULY 23.

2. IN AN EXCHANGE WITH JOURNALISTS AT THE AIRPORT CLERIDES MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) THE CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT WAS DETERMINED TO RAISE THE CYPRUS QUESTION IN THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS NEXT SESSION BECAUSE THE TURKISH SIDE SO FAR HAD NOT SHOWN THE SLIGHTEST INTENTION OF COMPLYING WITH EITHER THE GA OR THE SC RESOLUTIONS. FURTHERMORE, NO PROGRESS WAS EXPECTED IN THE PRESENT STAGE OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS SINCE THE TURKISH SIDE HAD NOT PUT FORWARD A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR A SETTLEMENT. (B) TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE AND DISREGARD FOR THE UN RESOLUTIONS
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WERE MAINLY THE RESULT OF A LACK OF SUBSTANTIAL

INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE BEING BROUGHT TO BEAR ON TURKEY.
"NO PRACTICAL MEASURES WERE TAKEN TO EXERT PRESSURE ON
TURKEY," HE SAID. (C) IT IS UNLIKELY THE HELSINKI
SUMMIT CONFERENCE WOULD TAKE SPECIAL DECISIONS ON THE
CYPRUS QUESTION. HOWEVER, IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE MORE
GENERAL DECISIONS THAT WILL BE TAKEN THERE FOR ASSURING
PEACE IN EUROPE, IT WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT FOR TURKEY
TO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN TROOPS IN CYPRUS.
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